AMENDMENT OF STANDING ORDERS.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): I beg to move the amendments to the Standing Orders.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): I second it.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The amendments are

1. In Standing Order No. 5 (1), substitute "sittings" for "meetings".

2. In Standing Order No. 5 (1), substitute "decision of the Assembly" for "direction of the Dewan".

3. In Standing Order No. 5 (1), substitute "5-15 P. M." for "4-30 P. M."

4. At the end of Standing Order No. 6 (1) add the following:—

"But the number of days for the business of non-official members shall be increased if the Assembly is of opinion that the time allotted for such business is insufficient."

5. In Standing Order No. 9, substitute "sitting" for "meeting".

6. In Standing Order No. 11, substitute "send" for "make every effort to circulate".

7. For Standing Order No. 12, substitute the following:—

"Questions which have not been disallowed shall be numbered and printed and sent to each member at least three days before the commencement of each meeting. The numbers of questions to be answered shall be included in the list of business for the day and such questions and their answers shall be laid on the table half an hour before the sitting commences".

8. For Standing Order No. 70, substitute the following:—

"After a draft has been referred to a Select Committee, the procedure prescribed by Standing Orders numbers 38 to 46 shall, as far as may be, be followed".

9. In Schedule I Rule 4, substitute "eight" for "six" between "and" and "numbers."

Has the member leave of the Assembly?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): I object under Rule 84.

The motion was put to the vote of the House and carried.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Sir, I move that it be referred to a Select Committee.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): I second it.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): The Rule is that if the motion is carried, the names are to be suggested in the manner directed by the President.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Yes, you may propose the names.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): I propose the names of the following members to serve on the Select Committee:—

1 Mr. T. K. Velu Pillai (Deputy President),
2 ,, Kayalam Parameswaran Pillai (Law Member),
3 ,, V. T. Chacko,
4 ,, V. Ramakrishna Panickar,
5 ,, Kainikkara M. Padmanabha Pillai,
6 ,, V. K. Velappan Nair,
7 ,, K. A. Narayana Pillai,
8 ,, Pacode A. Narayana Pillai.
9 ,, A. S. Damodaran Asan,
10 ,, T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar, and
11 ,, Changanachery K. Parameswaran Pillai.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): I second it.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): എനിക്കൊരു പോയിന്റ് ഓഫ് ഓർഡർ ഉണ്ട്. ഹാജരില്ലാത്ത മെമ്പർമാരുടെ പേര് സിലക്ട് കമ്മിറ്റിയിൽ ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതിനു വിരോധമില്ലേ എന്നുള്ളതാണ് ഞാൻ.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Nominated*): What the Standing Order says is that the President may suggest the names of the members.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): The question raised by Mr. T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar is that the election of members must be determined by you. The President, if he thinks so, can give an opinion on the matter after lunch.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): The President can determine how the members should be elected and he has asked Mr. Asan to do so and he has done so.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I have listened to the arguments from both sides of the House. Because of the term "President", some difficulty arises Under Rule 190 (2) the members of the Select Committee may be selected in this manner. The words used there are "the remaining members shall be selected by the Assembly in such manner as the President may determine". "In such manner as the President may determine" means the procedure to be followed in the Assembly while it is in session and therefore the Deputy President, he having all the powers of the President. The chair having directed the nomination of the members, the whole procedure may be accepted as right and proper.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): സെലക്ട് കമ്മിറ്റിനിയമിക്കുന്ന അവസരത്തിൽ ഇവിടെ ഹാജരില്ലാത്ത മെമ്പർമാരുടെ പേരുകൂടി ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതിൽ വിരോധമില്ലേ?

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Your doubt, Mr. T. P. Velayudhan Pillai, is whether the names of absent members can be included. But has the name of any absent member been actually mentioned to serve in the Select Committee?

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Yes, Sir.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: What is the practice, Mr. Kayalam Parameswaran Pillai?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): It is left to the discretion of the person presiding to decide.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: It is conceded that it is a matter of discretion with the person presiding. The Rules do not say—I have read the Rules carefully—that a written undertaking, to serve on committees, is necessary. Further, in matters like this, the person chosen as a member of a Select Committee is obliged to serve on it. That is the Rule in other legislatures as well. I therefore think that the temporary absence of a member from the House does not disentitle him from becoming a member of a Select Committee.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): I may also add that Mr. Asan assured the House that that absent member was willing to be a member of the Select Committee.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Suppose the gentleman is not willing. What will be the effect?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: That we shall consider later.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): On a point of order, Sir. What right has Mr. Asan to nominate the Deputy President and the Law Member to the Select Committee?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The Standing Order itself says that the Deputy President and the Law Officer shall be members.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): So, I am bound to include them.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): My point is whether Mr. Asan has got the right to nominate them, especially when, under the Rules, they will be members even without any such nomination.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum - Rural*): I also wish to get a ruling on that point, Sir.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I think too many points are being raised simultaneously for ruling. I cannot possibly carry all of them in my memory. I shall decide them, one by one. What are the points, please? I saw several members standing up at the same time. Members, who want points of order to be decided by me may now stand up one by one.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): The point I raised was whether Mr. Asan has the right to name the Deputy President and Law Officer of Government as members of the Select Committee.

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MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): The Committee having been appointed, I wish to know whether a point of order can be raised now, whether it is not too late?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The action of Mr. Asan in nominating the Deputy President and the Law Member as members of the Select Committee does not collide with the provision in the Rules and Standing Orders. After all, his nomination was a surplusage. That is all. The point raised is not, therefore, a material one.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Nominated*): In the event of the House voting against the whole motion, what will happen, Sir?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: When such a difficulty arises, I shall give a ruling. Now, the House has chosen to accept it.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): The motion has not yet been carried, Sir; I have some amendments to make to it.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I think, in the light of the Rules, Mr. Asan may modify his motion suitably.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): I move that the Amendments to the Standing Orders may be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the following gentlemen, in addition to the Deputy President and the Law Member:—

Messrs. V. T. Chacko,
" V. Ramakrishna Panickar,
" T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar,
" Changanachery K. Parameswaran Pillai,
" Kainikkara M. Padmanabha Pillai,
" V. K. Velappan Nair,
" K. A. Narayana Pillai,
" Pacode A. Narayana Pillai, and myself.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): I second it.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): I move that the names of Dr. Kunjan Pillai, Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai and Mr. N. K. Krishna Pillai may be added.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I second it.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): I accept the amendment, Sir.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Nominated*): The time for reporting, Sir?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Four months as in the previous Bills.

The motion was put to vote and carried.

RESOLUTIONS ON MATTERS OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANAHBA MENON (*Shertala I*): Sir, I move "*That this Assembly recommends to Government that early steps be taken to give additional facilities in the matter of shipping and freightage so Tranancore merchants dealing in cocoanut products to enable them to compete successfully with foreign competitors.*"

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